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MINING OF SPANISH VESSEL SATRUSTEGUI
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
OCTOBER 9, 1965
CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS

place in 97-4474 (MIR)

Shortly before two p. m., today, the Honorable Aguirre de Carcer, Minister-Counselor of the Spanish Embassy, called and spoke with Leinbaugh in my office. He said that he and the Spanish Ambassador had been in touch with the State Department regarding captioned case and that the Ambassador had wanted him to get in contact with the FBI concerning this matter. He said he had been told that the State Department was sending the FBI a memorandum regarding the Spanish Government's extreme interest in this case.

Mr. Aguirre explained that his purpose in calling was to re-emphasize the great importance that the Spanish Government was placing on this incident and that they sincerely hoped that the utmost was being done to resolve the case. Mr. Aguirre also wanted to know whether he could be given a progress report on the FBI's investigation to date. Aguirre was told that the FBI was investigating this explosion aboard the Satrustegui and that the case was being given vigorous investigation attention. It was explained to him that we do not give out progress reports on our investigations and he said he fully understood the reasons for such a policy.

Mr. Aguirre was most cordial, said his Government was most hopeful that similar acts of sabotage could be avoided in the future and again reiterated his Government's extreme concern relative to the San Juan incident.

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It is recommended this memorandum be referred to the General Investigative Division.

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ADDENDUM

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San Juan has conducted extensive investigation into an explosion which caused damage to the hull of the "Satrustegui" while moored in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on October 9, 1965. There were approximately 100 passengers aboard, but there were no known serious injuries, and the ship remained afloat. San Juan has submitted numerous items to the Laboratory to determine device or components used to cause explosion.

On October 13, 1965, Miami interviewed Dr. Orlando Bosch, head of the militant Anti-Castro organization "Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria" (MIRR), regarding an article in the "Miami Herald" newspaper, dated October 13, 1965, in which Dr. Bosch claimed his "frogmen" attached a bomb to the ship which caused the explosion. Dr. Bosch advised the Agents that commandos of the MIRR were responsible for the mining of the "Satrustegui"; however, he denied he knew it was to be done, and he refused to name the perpetrators.

Miami has also conducted extensive investigation to determine if members of MIRR were actually responsible for the explosion or if, as in the past, MIRR was attempting only to gain publicity in a effort to raise funds.

The Spanish Ambassador has contacted the State Department regarding this case, and we are keeping the White House, the State Department, and the Department advised of developments regarding this incident. All offices have been advised to afford this investigation expeditious attention.

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